

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 206

By Beavers

A RESOLUTION to congratulate the administration and officers of the Lebanon Police Department on the department's recent accreditation.

WHEREAS, in providing for the domestic tranquility of the community as a whole, society recognizes the need for a system of laws; the enforcement of the law has been entrusted to a small number of dedicated individuals; and

WHEREAS, these individuals, known as law enforcement officers, daily face the rigors of human conflict in protecting those whom they so valiantly serve; and

WHEREAS, our country has been blessed by courageous law enforcement officers willing to sacrifice their personal well-being and concerns to ensure the safety of our citizenry, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to have so many valiant men and women who perform above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, it is highly fitting and appropriate that the elected Senators and Representatives of the State of Tennessee should honor those exemplary citizens who make continual sacrifices in protecting and preserving the public safety; and

WHEREAS, the Lebanon Police Department is one such group of model servants, having recently undergone the meticulous process for accreditation outlined by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA); and

WHEREAS, the CALEA accreditation program, developed by representatives from the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives, the National Sheriffs' Association and the Police Executive Research Forum, provides a body of standards that addresses a wide range of up-to-date law enforcement topics; and

WHEREAS, the Lebanon Police Department's voluntary participation in the CALEA accreditation program commenced with a thorough, agency-wide, self-evaluation and concluded with an exacting outside review by a team of independent assessors; and

WHEREAS, the Department's successful participation in the CALEA accreditation process will inevitably lead not only to excellence in law enforcement, but also to controlled liability insurance costs, administrative improvements, greater accountability from supervisors and increased governmental and community support; and

WHEREAS, the administration, officers and other employees of this fine police department are wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State" and should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate the administration and officers of the Lebanon Police Department upon their recent accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. and salute their unswerving commitment to protecting and serving their fellow citizens.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.